

St. Ambrose Church



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm, Friday 9am to 2pm. After hours by appointment only.

WEEKEND HOLY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Sunday from 8:00 am to 8:45 am; 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Fr. Gary Schlack - Pastor

Fr. Michael King, retired - in residence

Rev. Mr. Nick Cherri - Deacon

Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry

Sarah Kwiecinski - Youth Ministry

Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

PARISH SCHOOLS: St. Anne School 519-621-8920

Holy Spirit School 519-621-8973

St. Vincent de Paul School 519-740-0678

Monsignor Doyle High School 519-622-1290

BAPTISM - The Baptism Preparation Program for parents is required before a Baptism date is scheduled.

MARRIAGE - Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance, as Marriage Preparation is required.

VISITS and COMMUNION TO THE SICK - Inform the parish office of hospitalization or home confinement.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - for assistance with food vouchers, leave a message at 519-623-8764

- St. Vincent de Paul Value Store 519-629-0103

First Saturday Promise:

"Behold, my daughter, my Heart encircled with thorns, with which ungrateful people pierce It at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Give me consolation, you, at least; and make known on my behalf that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months: 1) confess their sins, 2) receive Holy Communion, 3) recite five decades of the Rosary, 4) keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, 5) and have the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."

(Our Lady of Fatima's message to Lucia)

First Saturday Masses are held at 8:00 am each month at St. Ambrose Church.



The Holy Father has declared a year in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee that will help "stimulate prayer with simplicity and in accordance with Christ's heart."

The Pope has proclaimed **2024** as the **Year of Prayer**

This presents our Church with a significant opportunity to revisit the basics of prayer, and for us to become even more a people of prayer.

Someone once said that '*prayer doesn't help our relationship with God, prayer IS our relationship with God!*' and so when we become more devoted to prayer, we are building up that Divine friendship. Being Pilgrims of Hope means that we should always be growing in our love of prayer on our journey of Faith. But the Year of Prayer also asks us to consider how we might help others to pray, so that they can experience a personal encounter with the risen Jesus.

"...I would greatly desire that we devote **2024**, the year preceding the Jubilee event (2025), to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to Him and to adore Him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of His love for us and to praise His work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer as the expression of a single "heart and soul" (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the One God and to reveal to Him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God's grace and to make the "Our Father," the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples." Pope Francis



Tuesday, January 16

8:00 am + KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, SALINITRI and ORGANISCIAC FAMILIES

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, January 17

1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY and for the intentions of Simon & Carmen

+ JORGIANA MELO & FAMILY – Tina

+ HAROLD TRAINA

+ MANUEL DeVARGAS – Maria

+ MANUEL & MARCELINA SILVEIRA - Zelia

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, January 18

8:00 am – for the intentions of Lucia

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, January 19

8:00 am + LIONEL ALLICOCK, JOE TEIXEIRA and the DECEASED TEIXEIRA and PEREIRA FAMILIES

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, January 20

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + CATHERINE DECKER – Gerry and Sonia
+ MARIE HILTS and the DECEASED D'ARCY FAMILY
+ TINA FERNANDES – Sam and Elia
+ MANUEL BRAGA MELO – his wife and family

Sunday, January 21 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am + MARIA NGUYEN - Thanh

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishoners

CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

As this is the beginning of a new year, **please PRINT your name and address on your church donation envelopes** for the next couple of weeks. Thank you



**Parent Meeting regarding
First Communion and Reconciliation**

A meeting for Parents of Grade 2 students, regarding the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation on **Thursday January 25, 2024** at 6:30 pm, in the Church.

We kindly ask that at least one parent attend this meeting please.

Cambridge Right to Life: Please join us on Monday January 15th at 2pm at MP Bryan May's office, 534 Hespeler Road to "take a stand" against the government's plan to expand euthanasia to our vulnerable mentally ill neighbors, which is scheduled to begin in March of this year. Due to so much push back from the public our Justice Minister stated that the government is now considering "pausing its original plan, to broaden the rules to include mental disorders". This is an important time to show "where we stand" and help the government to make that decision to "not just pause" but to halt its implementation! Please consider writing & bringing a personal letter of concern that can be delivered directly to MP Bryan May along with CRTL's letter of concern! Please park across the street at 525-529 Hespeler Road – signs will be distributed at MPP May's plaza.

St. Agnes Church, Education Café: *"Difficult People, Dysfunctional Families & Broken Relationships: Loving & Forgiving Our Way to Healing"*

Guest Speaker – Father Michael King.

Sometimes we are faced with difficult relationships, whether in our families, workplaces or beyond, which continually challenging us to love & forgive. Everyone welcome, on January 28th 2:00pm, St. Agnes Parish Hall, 75 Bluevale St N. in Waterloo.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2024

Take Heart: By His Wounds We Are Healed.

Saturday, March 2, 2024 - 9 AM - 5:30 PM

Toronto Convention Centre (North Building)

Adult Tickets \$ 30 / Youth Tickets \$ 15

The bus will be leaving from Guelph at 7:00 AM and returning at approximately 7:00 PM. Bus details concerning cost and departure location are incomplete at this time. For information call Tina 519-222-6283

COFFEE SUNDAY – January 21 after the 9am and 11am Mass. Join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the church hall and maybe a sweet treat!

Thank You to our Volunteers

With all the Christmas decorations packed away for another year, we now settle in for the next few weeks until we start Lent (Feb 14th)

Thank you to all our volunteers who made our celebration of the Birth of Christ so meaningful. The decorations beautified our Church for the holy season. The music by our choirs enhanced our Masses. It takes many volunteers to work together and we appreciate everyone who donated their time!

Thank you as well to parishioners who sent Christmas cards, gifts, and goodies!

Fr. Gary Schlack and Fr. Michael King

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (**January 21, 2024**) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy in 2016, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit Hamilton Diocese website:

hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks

All Parishioners are Welcome:

St. Ambrose Parish ladies' group, Daughters of the King, invites EVERYONE (men & women) to attend a presentation about "Mary and the Mass" to be held on Tuesday January 16, at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.

Be A Man men's group meets weekly on Saturday mornings, in St. Ambrose Church Hall from **7:00 am to 8:30 am**. All men welcome, 18 years and older. Come join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins.

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